

Who Will You Bring to Jesus? (Luke 5:17-26)

Experience God's Power – Part 13

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Luke 14:21-23 (NIV) “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’ “ ‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’ “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.

1. _____ others to Jesus

Luke 5:17 (NIV) One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.

1A. _____ about others

Luke 5:18 (NIV) Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus.

1B. Overcome _____ for others

Luke 5:19 (NIV) When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

2. _____ God for a miracle

Luke 5:20a (NIV) When Jesus saw their faith ...

2A. Believe for a miracle of _____

Luke 5:20-21 (NIV) When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.” The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

2B. Believe for a miracle of _____

Luke 5:22-23 (NIV) Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?”

3. Miracles demonstrate Jesus’ _____

Luke 5:24 (NIV) But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”

3A. The miracle recipient _____ God

Luke 5:25 (NIV) Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.

3B. The miracle _____ praise God

Luke 5:26 (NIV) Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Study Luke 5 and 14 to better understand today's message in context.
- Invite your friends, relatives, workmates & neighbors to our Sunday service.

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Study Guide

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- Intro. Why do people tend to concentrate on their own needs rather than other's needs (Philippians 2:3)?
- Why did the people invited to the master's great banquet have so many excuses (Luke 14:16-20)?
- Why did the master instruct his servant to bring in the poor, crippled, blind and lame to the banquet (Luke 14:21-23)?
- What lessons can we learn from this parable about bringing people to Jesus?
- 1A. Why do you think that Jesus' two major ministries were teaching and healing (Luke 5:17)?
- 1B. What do you think motivated the four men to carry the paralyzed man to Jesus (Luke 5:18)?
- 1C. What do the actions of the men in tearing a hole in the roof tell you about their faith and determination (Luke 5:19)?
- 1D. What are the external and internal barriers that prevent us from bringing people to Jesus?

- 2A. What does Luke 5:20a tell you about these five friends?
- 2B. What do Jesus' first words tell you about His priorities for the paralyzed man (Luke 5:20)?
- 2C. What do the Pharisees and teachers of the law get right and what do they get wrong (Luke 5:21)?
- 2D. Explain the point of Jesus' questions in Luke 5:22-23.
- 2E. How can you work together with other believers to bring people to Jesus?
- 3A. How did Jesus' miracle demonstrate His authority to forgive (Luke 5:24)?
- 3B. What do you think the healed man felt as he walked home (Luke 5:25)?
- 3C. What impact did the healing miracle have on all those in the house (Luke 5:26)?
- 3D. How can you personally bring someone to Jesus?
- 3E. How can you bring someone to Jesus through Life Church?
- 3F. Who are you praying for to fulfill the Plus One challenge this year?